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APPLICATION

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of **Jason W. Kear**, entitled **DUAL SHORT THROW ADVANCER/RETRACTOR**.

- X 1. This application is a continuation of prior Application No. 10/175,673, filed June 19, 2002, priority from the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- X 2. An application consisting of 9 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 4 sheets of drawings is attached.
- X 3. A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the above-noted prior application is attached. [Note: This application is a continuation or divisional, no new matter has been added to this application, and no new inventors have been named.]
- i. Please delete the following inventor named in the prior application, such deleted person not being an inventor of the subject matter claimed herein:
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- X ii. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

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Total Claims	14 - 20	=	0	x	18	=	0
Independent Claims	3 - 3	=	0	x	86	=	0
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- X 6. Our Check No. 153077 in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the total fee as computed above is enclosed.
- X 7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.
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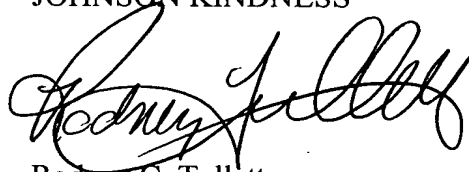
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